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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shigenori Ohta, et al.

Application No.: 09/890,217

Int. Filing Date: November 29, 1999

For: METHOD OF ENHANCING
SALTY TASTE, SALTY TASTE
ENHANCER, SALTY TASTE
SEASONING AGENT AND
SALTY TASTE-ENHANCED
FOODS

Examiner:

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Communication dated November 21, 2001

Applicants received in the above-identified application.

The Communication states that the Declaration filed 26 July 2001 does not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a)-(b) since the fourth inventor is listed and executed as

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"Aki Morita" whereas the International Application lists the fourth inventor as "Aki Nakagawa". Therefore, the Communication states Applicants must provide either (i) a Declaration executed with the name that appears in the International Application or (ii) a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 requesting that the inventor's name be changed.

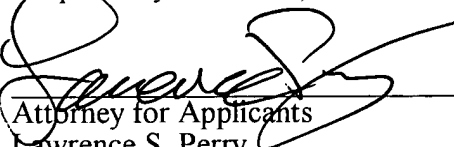
Applicants submit herewith the necessary Petition since Ms. Morita's family name was changed from "Nakagawa" to --Morita-- by marriage after the filing of the PCT application. Accordingly, in view of the accompanying Petition, Applicants hereby request the inventor's name be changed and that this application be accorded its proper U.S. filing date of July 26, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). Any deficiencies may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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